**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

**Educational fields and labor market among individuals aged (20-29 years) in 2022**.

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For selected education fields in 2022, business and Administrationis the field where most students aged (20-29 years) were enrolled, whether for intermediate diploma or a bachelor’s degree (BA). In the past decade, the majority of them also majored in business and administration. While, the highest unemployment rates among graduates aged (20-29 years) with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree in Palestine is in Social and behavioral sciences.

**Clear gap of unemployment rates between Females and Males for all fields of education**

For selected education fields in 2022, the highest unemployment rates among male graduates aged (20-29 years) with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree in Palestine is in languages by 52%, while the highest unemployment rates among female graduates aged (20-29 years) with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree in Palestine is in Physical sciences and Social and behavioral sciences by 78% for each of them.

**Percentage of Individuals (20-29 years) in Palestine with an Intermediate Diploma**

**or Bachelor’s Degree and Unemployment Rate for selected education fields**

**and Sex in 2022**

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| **Field of Education** | **Percentage of Individuals (20-29 years) with an Intermediate Diploma or Bachelor’s Degree** | **Unemployment Rate of Individuals (20-29 years) with an Intermediate Diploma or Bachelor’s Degree** |
| **Total** | Males | Females | **Total** | Males | Females |
| Business and administration | **26.9** | 28.0 | 26.4 | **46.6** | 32.2 | 62.1 |
| Education | **15.3** | 7.6 | 19.3 | **62.4** | 45.3 | 67.6 |
| Health | **10.4** | 13.0 | 9.1 | **40.2** | 38.0 | 42.0 |
| Languages | **8.4** | 3.9 | 10.8 | **60.8** | 51.7 | 62.8 |
| Engineering and engineering trades  | **5.4** | 9.4 | 3.2 | **34.5** | 26.6 | 63.0 |
| Law | **5.2** | 6.6 | 4.4 | **45.4** | 32.5 | 66.3 |
| Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) | **4.5** | 6.3 | 3.6 | **51.9** | 45.0 | 60.2 |
| Social and behavioral sciences | **4.4** | 3.0 | 5.1 | **64.1** | 40.6 | 77.9 |
| Arts | **3.6** | 3.8 | 3.5 | **51.1** | 40.5 | 60.0 |
| Welfare | **3.6** | 2.5 | 4.4 | **61.0** | 43.3 | 69.4 |
| Architecture and construction | **3.4** | 7.0 | 1.4 | **38.6** | 38.1 | 39.8 |
| Physical sciences  | **2.4** | 1.5 | 3.0 | **55.9** | 27.0 | 78.0 |
| Journalism and information | **2.1** | 3.6 | 1.3 | **42.4** | 36.4 | {56.0} |
| { }: Refers that the variance in this category is too high. |
| **Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2023.** Database of Labor Force Survey, 2022. Ramallah-Palestine |

**A decrease in Unemployment rate among individuals aged (20-29 years) in the West Bank with an intermediate diploma or bachelor's degree, while the Unemployment rate is stable for the same category in Gaza Strip**. This rate reached 48% in 2022: 28% in West Bank and 74% in Gaza Strip, while it was about 53% in 2021: 35% in West Bank and 74% in Gaza Strip**.**

**Clear gap of unemployment rates between West Bank and Gaza Strip for all fields of education**

For selected education fields in 2022, the highest rate of unemployment among graduates aged (20-29 years) with a bachelor’s degree or an intermediate diploma in Gaza Strip was in social and behavioral sciences by 97%, followed by welfare by 88%. The highest rate of unemployment among graduates aged (20-29 years) with a bachelor’s degree or an intermediate diploma in West Bank was in physical sciences by 47%, followed by social and behavioral sciences by 45%.

**Unemployment Rate among Individuals (20-29 years) in Palestine**

**with an Intermediate Diploma or Bachelor’s Degree for selected education fields and Region, 2022**

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| **Field of Education** | **Palestine** | **Region** |
| **West Bank** | **Gaza Strip** |
| Business and administration | **46.6** | 27.8 | 75.2 |
| Education | **62.4** | 37.6 | 74.1 |
| Health | **40.2** | 19.4 | 65.6 |
| Languages | **60.8** | 37.1 | 82.1 |
| Engineering and engineering trades  | **34.5** | 20.6 | 63.4 |
| Law | **45.4** | 23.1 | 76.0 |
| Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) | **51.9** | 36.4 | 67.2 |
| Social and behavioral sciences | **64.1** | {45.1} | 97.3 |
| Arts | **51.1** | 33.4 | 78.2 |
| Welfare | **61.0** | 37.7 | 88.3 |
| Architecture and construction | **38.6** | 23.7 | 78.6 |
| Physical sciences  | **55.9** | {46.7} | {69.3} |
| Journalism and information | **42.4** | 15.8 | 74.4 |
| { }: Refers that the variance in this category is too high. |
| **Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2023.** Database of Labor Force Survey, 2022. Ramallah-Palestine |

**It takes graduates about 13-20 months before getting their first labor chance**

For selected education fields in 2022, the highest period of unemployment for graduates aged (20-29 years) in Palestine with an intermediate diploma or bachelor’s degree was in law, being 20 months. The lowest period was in architecture and construction, engineering and engineering trades with 13 months.

**Period of Unemployment in Months among Individuals (20-29 years) in Palestine with an Intermediate Diploma or Bachelor’s Degree for selected education fields**

**and Sex, 2022**

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| **Field of Education** | **Both Sexes** | **Sex** |
| **Males** | **Females** |
| Business and administration | **17.9** | 15.3 | 19.4 |
| Education | **18.1** | 13.3 | 19.1 |
| Health | **13.5** | 10.6 | 15.6 |
| Languages | **19.2** | 17.3 | 19.5 |
| Engineering and engineering trades  | **13.4** | 12.8 | 14.3 |
| Law | **19.5** | 19.7 | 19.3 |
| Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) | **14.5** | 17.2 | 12.0 |
| Social and behavioral sciences | **15.6** | - | 16.8 |
| Arts | **14.3** | {8.6} | 17.5 |
| Welfare | **17.1** | - | 20.0 |
| Architecture and construction | **12.6** | 13.0 | - |
| Physical sciences  | **17.8** | - | 20.1 |
| Journalism and information | **14.9** | {13.0} | - |
| { }: Refers that the variance in this category is too high. |
| (-): means there are no enough cases |
| **Source: Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2023.** Database of Labor Force Survey, 2022. Ramallah-Palestine |

In the 2022/2023 scholastic year, there were 87,817 applicants for the General Certificate Exam. In Scholastic year, 2020/2021 the number of students graduated from the Palestinian higher education institutions was 46,225. The local market accommodates 3 thousand job opportunities for graduates.

